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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015      10:30 a.m.      Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, LaVoy, Garrett.

**ABSENT:** Representative Driskell.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on September 9, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Jim Byrum, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association, provided a presentation regarding Agricultural Trade Opportunities in Cuba. Mr. Byrum reviewed the following topics: a recap of the March 2015 U.S. Delegation; the September 2015 Michigan Delegation; Meetings with Cuban and U.S. Officials; Rapid Change in Cuba; Cuban Opportunities; Opportunities for Michigan; Conclusions/Next Steps.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

SB 477      (Green)	Food; milk; reference to federal recommendations in the definition of pasteurized milk ordinance in the grade A milk law of 2001; update.
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Nick Buggia, representing Senator Green, reviewed the provisions of SB 477 with the committee.

Terry Philbeck representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), spoke in support of the bill.

Chair Lauwers stated that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 10:57 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Representative Cole made a motion to report SB 477 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, LaVoy, Garrett. (16/17).**

**Nays: None. (0/17)**

**Pass: None. (0/17) (16/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card indicating support for SB 477.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:02 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538